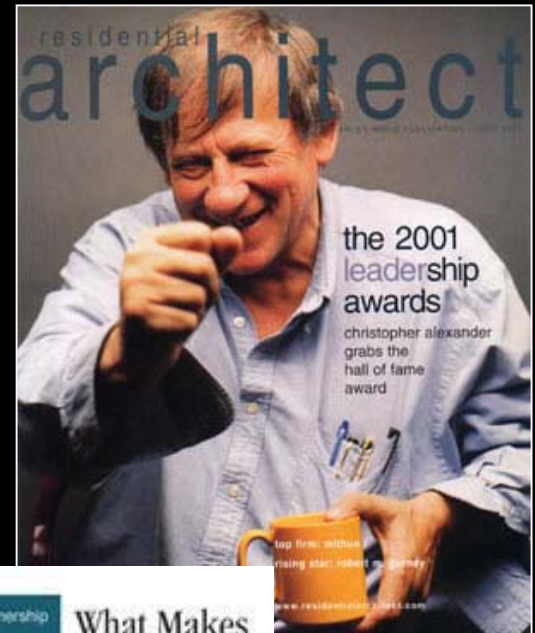
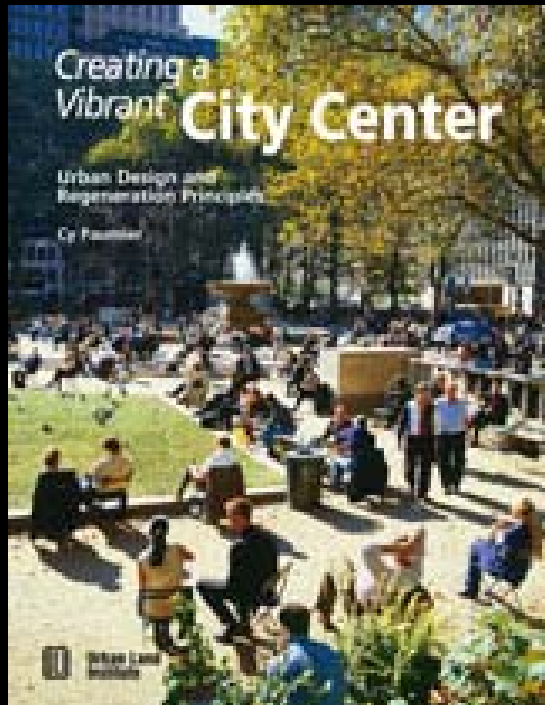


A photograph of a vibrant public space, likely a park or plaza. The scene is filled with mature trees, casting dappled shadows on a paved walkway. To the left, a person in a pink shirt sits on a bench. To the right, several people are seated at outdoor tables, some under large red umbrellas. The overall atmosphere is lively and inviting.

# *Creating a Vibrant Public Space*

*What Makes It Special?*

# Initial Research



# Discussions





# Site Visits



# Common Themes of Great Places

- Sociability
- Activities
- Accessibility
- Comfort







# Sociability





# Activities





# Accessibility







# Comfort



# **Additional ingredients** to make a public place special

- Identity
- Sustainability
- Enhancements





# Community **IDENTITY** is Part of Feeling Comfortable in a Public Place







**Beverly Hills**





**Oceanside**



# Sustainable Uses and Attributes





# Enhancements to Consider

- Trends
- Water Features
- Multi-Purpose Areas
- Landscapes
- Dining
- Entertainment



## Trends - such as:

- Technology
- Underground Parking
- Convertible Public Meeting Rooms
- Triangulated Uses
  - Something fun and useful for everyone



Wireless Hot Spots



# Water Features – Interactive !!!!



# Water Features - Passive

Reflective



Dramatic



Artistic



# Multi-Purpose Spaces





# Inviting Landscapes





# Dining





# Entertainment





# Great Places Come in All Sizes

- Sociability
- Activities



**Carlsbad Seawall**



**Balboa Park**

- Accessibility
- Comfort

A photograph of a vibrant public square. In the foreground, there are large, mature trees with thick trunks and dense green foliage. A paved walkway leads into the square. To the right, there are outdoor seating areas with tables and chairs, some covered by large red umbrellas. Several people are visible, some sitting at the tables and others walking. The background shows more trees and a building. The overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

# *Creating a Vibrant Public Space*

*The measure of any great civilization is its cities, and the measure of a city's greatness is to be found in the quality of its public spaces, its parks and squares.*

*-- John Ruskin*